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September 3, 1984

Dear Alumni and friends:

Summer has come and gone and school has started once again. This always lets us know that Alumni Weekend is approaching. Yesterday we had an executive committee meeting of the LCA Alumni Association and we made plans for a super weekend you won't want to miss. In next month's letter we will be sending out an overview of the weekend's events. Your staff has been working hard making long distance calls trying to help make this weekend a nice and pleasant one for everybody. I am proud to have the opportunity to work with them this year.

I will let you in on what we are planning Saturday night for our Alumni Supper. Last year, if you recall, we had a salad bar and Lasagna which was terrific. This year we are planning on a huge salad and potato bar for our supper. Plans are being made to make this the best supper we have had. Since sundown comes early, we are planning on combining the vespers and the music program. Supper will begin at 5:45 followed by the business meeting which should adjourn by 8:00. Plan now to attend the meeting. If you have items of business that need to be taken up, please contact me soon.

November 9 and 10 is the weekend and we would like for all of you to come!! Especially welcome are the honor classes which includes graduates from: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, and 1979. If you are planning on coming and need a place to stay, please drop a line to Rogene and let her know how many people are coming.

The nominating committee was chosen yesterday and that committee consists of : Rogene Goodge; chairperson, Kenny Straw; Principal, Michelle Kurzynske, Rolland Ruf, and Carroll Wheeler. This committee will select a candidate for each office and their recommendation will be voted on at the annual business meeting following the supper. If you have suggestions, please notify one of the members of the nominating committee before next month.

What about the chapel chair project? Money has been gradually coming in and we have \$814.00 and we need \$1100.00. We need to raise the last \$286.00 before Alumni Weekend to make our goal. Let us finish the year on a positive note by having the NEW chairs in the chapel by November 9. If you have not paid your dues, it is not too late. We have only received \$200.00 in dues this year. The dues money will be used to help defray flight travel for some of our speakers this year. Thank you for helping support your alumni association.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth L. Shaw
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Alumni President

LCA Newsletter

1810 Little Creek Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922

September 1984

Dear Ex-Creekers:

September, the best time of the year! The smell of new books, the clean pages of a new grade book, juniors telling stories and producing first-rate Sabbath School programs for the "little juniors", homesick freshmen to comfort, hopes and plans for a great year, a chance to try once more and the big plus--October and mountain trips just around the corner. The weather is just a little too good--we need rain--but was great for Ingathering at the fair this week.

We are thankful for all the fun things that come our way such as a note in the door of the lodge from Frank Sheffield and family. Sorry we weren't there. Frank helped us build the lodge.

I could write three pages about the weddings this summer. We were brave and took our turn staying home when Evan Chesney was married July 15. Evan is choral director and teaches Bible at Mt. Pisgah Academy and Jan is in charge of nursing in the nursing center at Pisgah. Randy Calloway and Duane Chesney were in the wedding party. Sharon (Chesney) Jenkins served at the reception.

July 22--a popular date and Mama Goodge's birthday--three weddings that day. Cynthia Straw, Leland and I played flute, violin and piano for the Vogt-Weitzel wedding so we couldn't attend the others. Lindy Weitzel, Laury Weitzel, Kent Van Arsdell and Brent Van Arsdell were in the wedding party. Having played for Bruce Vogt's wedding (Cynthia's father), we were delighted to be a part of his daughter's special day. Bruce and Barbara were on leave from his post of duty in the publishing work in Taiwan, so we prevailed upon him to speak for church here on August 4. This proved to be an inspiration to students and faculty alike. They have returned to Taiwan but left one of their treasures, their daughter Lisa, with us as a senior.

The same day in Greeneville Page Weemes was married in a lovely ceremony. We were sorry to miss it but Rogene, Mrs. McNeilus and Mrs. Gustin attended and reported that Elder Warren Ruf married Page and Tommy. They saw lots of Little Creekers at the wedding.

In August cupid moved on campus. Ellen Rieseberg's wedding on the 5th inspired the last hurrah of the tornado--everyone joined in a "putting up the ceiling in the cafeteria" party. This had been delayed as the "roofers" wanted everything to dry thoroughly first. It wasn't too difficult as the new dry vac was a marvelous help in cleaning up the mess.

Ellen's wedding was so pretty. As you can imagine with Mrs. Morgan in charge there were home grown flowers everywhere. Ellen and David were married by David's father. Afterwards the entire campus enjoyed a "reception supper" in the lower level of the new San. Leland and I played violin and piano, Mr. Morgan sang, Mrs. Marcia Van Arsdell was wedding coordinator, Mrs. Ruth Watson decorated the church, reception coordinators were Rogene and Mrs. Peek and Michelle Kurzynske helped serve. Linda Tetz, Kathy (Leffew) Twombly, Cindy Watson and Loren Rieseberg were all members of the wedding party. The newly weds are now in Chicago area until Christmas where David is completing requirements for his Andrews University Seminary degree. Then we may see them again as they travel to their pastoral duties in the Carolina Conference.

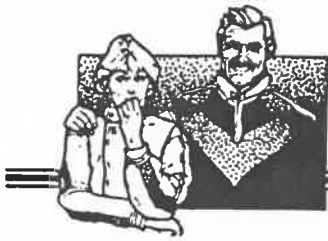
Our granddaughter, Cynthia Straw, (daughter of Stanford and Janet Straw) was married on August 12. We were happy to be acquainted with Brian's parents. His father is administrator of the hospital at Lawrenceberg, TN, which for many years was a self-supporting unit of Madison. The wedding was another Little Creek homecoming! Kristi (Kenny's youngest) was so excited to be the flower girl. The wedding was at eleven o'clock, then everyone was invited to a noon luncheon reception. Was a good idea because of the August heat. Linda Tetz had a busy week as she was maid of honor for Ellen the 5th and bridesmaid for Cynthia. Of course Debbie (Straw) Tait was her matron of honor. Lisa (Allen) Larrabee and Jon Larrabee were members of the wedding party. Leland and I played the violin and piano, Craig and Kent Williams sang, Karen Hiner was a candle lighter, Rogene and Ann were the wedding coordinators, Sarah Ann McNeilus was the reception coordinator and Jan (Williams) Carlson served at the reception. Many others helped and it was all exciting--could tell more but space is limited.

After a three week respite we journeyed to Malinda Boyd's wedding at Cookeville, September 2. Cindy Watson went with us as she was the flutist, playing with harp accompaniment. The violin and harp was pretty also. All I had to do was accompany the vocalist so I was able to enjoy listening. It was nice to see so many Little Creekers there. Tommy Martin operated the video camera and his wife Dianne was one of the wedding coordinators. Since we were there early to rehearse, we had time to visit. Jan (Malmede) Greve, Julie (Basham) Holman and Mike Boyd were in the wedding party. Mary Lou (Mitchell) Wilson and her husband Larry were reception hostess and host.

The summer did involve some activities besides weddings. After two years without peaches (because of late frosts) we reveled in picking and canning and freezing them. Sometimes help was scarce. The boys' dorm project is almost complete. A crew of girls and Mrs. Wessman went with me yesterday to wash windows and use our trusty dry vac. It's beginning to look like home.

The school year is in full swing, already had the fall campout with perfect weather and full moon. That weekend we spent at the lodge and attended a concert by the Knoxville Symphony in Cades Cove. Seven thousand brought their chairs, blankets, umbrellas and lunches and sat all over the hillside. The echo was fantastic. Governor Alexander played the piano with them. We love the Cove. They are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Smoky Mountain National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodeffer, who have joined our staff, have taken a great interest in the dairy. The barn received a coat of white primer and then a coat of red paint. The milking parlor is being painted and other repairs have been done. The plan is to redo the roof of the barn too. They hope everyone will enjoy the "new scenery".



Alumni News

I think this entire letter is alumni news, but we'll talk about some more here. Was a great pleasure to have Martha McKee Davis and her husband visit. They are on furlough from their duties in Kenya, Africa. On a recent trip to Laurelbrook we saw Jerry Hill. Kathy Rauch and Ed Rauch and family were here recently.

When Ray and Marie Ostrander were here this summer, Ray gave us an inspiring message for the church service. They are now in Washington state.

Jeff Basham sends a letter written on a train enroute to Tanzania in Africa. He says, "You wouldn't believe what they let me do. I've done 50 or more spinals, stitched up hundreds of stitches, run the anesthesia department for 2 months completely. We've delivered babies, done paracentesis, thoracentesis, D. & C.'s, some completely by myself, no doctor even around. I've learned to start an I.V. by feel. I haven't started an I.V. on a vein I could see in a long time. Oh, one more thing, I've pulled about 6 teeth a day for weeks now. This place is unreal." He also says his bird list is coming along real well. He will have an interesting story to tell.

We have had several visitors--very few signed the guest book so we are sticking our necks out once again. Hope we don't leave someone out. David Silverstein, John and Marsha Rauch, Jeanne (Rauch) Mazat, Robert and Marilyn McMullen, Francis (Keller) Laswell, Don and Kay (Williams) Stair, Kent Van Arsdell, Jook-Ting Shim, Bob Scott, Brent Van Arsdell, Lance Van Arsdell, James Gulley, Maria Holley, Roger Holley, Clark Larrabee, David Habenicht, Bob Folkenberg, Shelly Neall, Jill Gunderson, Julie Chacon, Tony Figueroa, Kimberley France, Ronda McBroom, Cindy Watson, Duane Chesney, Dan Peek, Ancil and Nancie Jones, Burton and Carol Goodge, Grant and Yolanda Goodge, Bob and Mary (Peek) Kurzynske, Terryn (Kurzynske) Shaw, Denzil and Donna (Myers) McNeilus, Dale and Cheryl Tunnell, Edward and Sandra (Roadman) Schneider, Janelle Maxson, Brian Sparks, Brenda Sparks.

WEDDINGS

Evan Chesney and Jan Hawthorne, July 15, 1984, Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC 28715.

Vonnie Wencil and Steven Cruttendon, July 22, Seventh-day Adventist Tabernacle, Battle Creek, MI, 5200 Yawyer Road, Battle Creek, MI 49107.

Page Weemes and Thomas Morton, Jr., July 22, 441 Cagon Street, Apartment 2, Redlands, CA 92373.

Cynthia Vogt and Lonny Weitzel, July 22, 142 Third Street, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Ellen Rieseberg and David Prest, Jr., August 5, 1140 64th Street, Apartment 3, La Grange, IL 60525.

Cynthia Straw and Brian Mitchell, August 12, 5121 Hickory Valley Road, Apartment 203, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

Malinda Boyd and Steven Haley, September 2, 511 Rosehill Road, Box 34, Apartment K-6, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

NEWCOMERS

Justin Garwin to Denzil and Donna (Myers) McNeilus, February 12, 1984, Route 1, Box 317, Dodge Center, MN 55927. (Somehow this one got past us. Very sorry about that. Just saw Justin the other day and he is a cutie.)

Jessica Marie to Cliff and Shirley (Belknap) Johnston, September 2, 1984, 1239 Helena Drive, #A, Hixson, TN 37343.

DON'T FORGET HOME COMING, NOVEMBER 9 and 10. Next newsletter will tell you more about what is in store for us. We would love to see all of you. The HONOR CLASSES ARE--1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979.

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S PRAYER By Paul E. Miller

Lord, take me,
Negative that I am,
Developed in the solutions and washes.
Crop out those scratches,
Selecting the portion You desire;
Enlarge to the maximum,
Treating the flaws, defects, and blemishes
To produce a better image;
Expose me to the Light
The needed time,
Burying in where more detail is needed,
Dodging out weaknesses.
Fix, wash, and dry to produce a fitting positive:
Thine image.
Only then frame and display
In an appropriate place to best be used by You.

"Not by their wealth, their education, or their position does God estimate men. He estimates them by their purity of motive and their beauty of character."
M.H. 477

*Rogene is waiting - as I'll say
"See you in November - Count
the plusses and come see us!"*

Much love,

Wesley and Leland Straw